

## ABSTRACT

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In Spring 2002, McCormick, Taylor and Associates, Inc. conducted a Cultural Resources Survey of the proposed S.R. 26 Improvements Project in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. This Cultural Resources Survey resulted in a Cultural Resource Management Summary in June 2002, with revisions to the Management Summary in August and September 2002. A Historic Resources Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report was prepared in July 2003, with revisions to that report in December 2003.

The purpose of the historic structures survey was to identify all buildings and structures, fifty (50) years in age or older, situated within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the S.R. 26 Improvements Project. Previous studies conducted within the APE resulted in the identification of one (1) property listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), twenty-nine (29) identified properties, and two (2) ineligible properties per a 1999 study. The listed property is Spring Banke (S-454) and was listed in the NRHP in 1976. In April 1999, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. determined that two (2) properties in the APE were not eligible, per the *Architectural Resource Survey Bridges 526 and 527 Near Millsboro and Intersection of State Route 26 and State Route 17 Near Millville*. These two properties are known as the C.J. Raubacher House (S-2478) and the Shore Deal Auto Property (S-9148). Field survey in Spring 2002 resulted in the identification of eighty-two (82) additional resources meeting the fifty (50) year old or older requirement for historic evaluation within the APE. The National Register Criteria for Evaluation were then applied to these eighty-two (82) individual resources and three (3) potential linear village districts for Clarksville, Millville, and Ocean View.

Although assigned a CRS number, Bridge 429 over the Assawoman Canal (S-4009) was replaced with a new concrete bridge in 1988 and, therefore, does not require evaluation. Four (4) properties that were identified during previous studies have since been moved or demolished after the recent survey was conducted. The F.S. Bennett, Jr. House (S-2481), Esther Hudson House (S-2470), and Dorothy E.W. Schuize House (S-2438) were no longer extant following field survey in Spring 2002. The property identified at the corner of S.R. 26 and Road 349 near Millville in 1998 (S-9114) was moved to an unknown site according to correspondence regarding the property. Following a field survey in July 2003, two (2) additional resources were demolished: the c. 1859 portion of the Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church (S-9714), and the Joseph C. Raskauskas Property (S-9708). Delaware Cultural Resource Survey Update forms are included in this report to document the demolition or moving of these buildings.

Access was denied at two (2) of the properties within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). A structure that meets the age criteria for evaluation stands at the rear of the Parts + Plus Automotive Supply Shop in Clarksville. The frame structure is obscured by the modern store at the forefront of the lot and is surrounded by a chain link fence. The frame structure is not visible from the street. Because the property functions as an impound lot, the owners denied access beyond the chain link fence. This property was not evaluated for the purposes of this study because it is considered outside of the APE. The owners of the Patrick and Cheryl Hammond Property (S-9770) denied access to their property and therefore, pictures were taken from the street; however, this property was evaluated.

This Historic Structures Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report includes Delaware Cultural Resource Survey forms for eighty-two (82) recently surveyed, twenty-nine (29) previously surveyed properties, and three (3) linear districts. Two (2) properties located within the APE were determined ineligible in the April 1999 Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. *Architectural Resource Survey Bridges 526 and 527 Near Millsboro and Intersection of State Route 26 and State Route 17 Near Millville*. These two (2) properties are the C.J. Raubacher House (S-2478) and Shore Deal Auto Property (S-9148, aka S-2479), located at the junction of Routes 26 and 17. A Phase IA Archaeological Survey was conducted using the results of background research, field inspection, and consultation several archaeological sensitivity areas were identified.